

REMARKS

The Office Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered and this amendment has been presented to place this application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 7–18 are in the present application. It is submitted that claims 1–6, as originally presented, were patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. New claims 7–18 as presented herein, are not submitted for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these claims are submitted simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled. Claims 1–6 are cancelled.

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 1–6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Farris et al. (U.S. Patent 6,029,064). However, for at least the following reasons, Farris fails to anticipate the present invention. The present invention has “processing means for compressing and encrypting the information signals transmitted to said base station by said communication means, and for decompressing and decrypting the information signals received from said base station by said communication means.” (Claims 7 and 13) Farris does not disclose encrypting or decrypting data. Further, the present invention’s mobile communication apparatus has “input/output means comprising a keypad, display means, a speaker, and a microphone.” (Claims 7 and 13) Whereas, Farris’ mobile terminals are operated using a simple pager control and by voice commands.

(Column 9, Lines 17–30; Column 27, Claims 2 and 3) Farris does not disclose a keypad. Further, the present invention has “memory means including a removable semiconductor memory.” (Claims 7 and 13) The Examiner contends that Farris—at column 4, lines 5–9—discloses a detachable storage means. However, Applicant is unable to locate where Farris indicates the storage means is detachable. In addition, the present invention’s “display means comprises a liquid crystal display (LCD) having a touch sensing screen.” (Claims 12 and 18) While Farris does disclose a display, Farris does not disclose an LCD touch screen. (Column 27, Claims 2 and 3) Also, the present invention’s “input/output means further comprises a headphone device.” (Claims 10 and 16) Farris does not disclose that headphones can be used with the mobile terminal. Therefore, for at least these reasons, Farris fails to anticipate the present invention and claims 7–18 should be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as now presented is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

No additional fees are deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment, but if such are, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,
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